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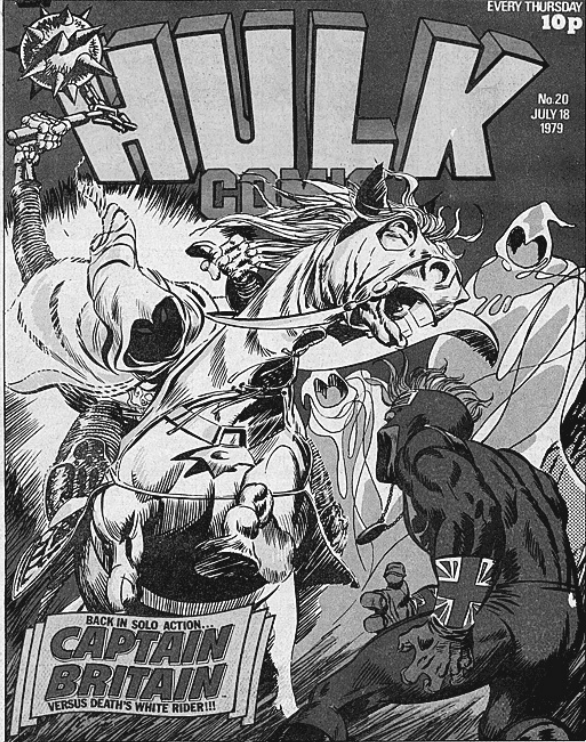
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THIS WEEK: HULK'S MONSTER ARMY ATTACKS BACK!

THE INCREDIBLE HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

ON THE REMOTE PACIFIC ISLAND
WHERE DR SCARABEUS IS
PRODUCING AN ARMY OF ANIMAL
MEN, THE HULK IS LEADING A
REBELLION BY THE DOCTOR'S
FAILURES, THE
FIRST ONES!



THIS WAY!
MAKE SURE HE
MAKE NO
MORE
MONSTERS!

GRRRRR!



GRUNNH!

AND AS THE HULK SMASHES
HIS WAY THROUGH A
LABORATORY DOOR...

NOW, SMASH!
DESTROY
EVERYTHING!

GOOD GRIEF!
HOW DID THEY
GET IN HERE?



NEVER MIND HOW
THEY GOT IN...HOW
DO WE GET OUT?

THAT DOOR!
QUICK... BEFORE
THEY TEAR THE
WHOLE BUILDING
APART!

SNURK!

SNORF!

BUT BY NOW DR SCARABEUS HAS
RETURNED, WITH HIS ASSISTANTS
FANGOR AND FELIX...



GOOD LORD! THEY'RE
DESTROYING ALL MY WORK!
STOP THAT, YOU BRUTES!

ARRK?



BUT...

THERE! THE ONE WHO
MADE YOU LIKE THIS!
NOT LET HIM ESCAPE
NOW!

UNNF!



THEY'RE TURNING AGAINST
ME! NO! I WON'T LET YOU...

NO TIME FOR
SPEECHES, DOC
WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT! CAN'T
FIGHT THEM IN
HERE!



AND YET...

THEY'RE COMING
AFTER US! THEY'LL
TEAR ME TO
PIECES IF THEY
CATCH ME!



FANGOR!
FELIX! USE YOUR
RIFLES! IT'S THE
ONLY WAY TO STOP
THEM!

SHOOT
THEM?

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BUT ALSO HIDING IN THE JUNGLE IS TISHA, SCARABEUS'S DAUGHTER...





NEXT WEEK: HULK FACES ALIEN RAIDERS!

JOURNEY INTO OTHERWORLD WITH THE BLACK KNIGHT'S COMPANION...

CAPTAIN BRITAIN

WHILE THE BLACK KNIGHT BATTLES ON THE MAINLAND, AN ELFIN CRAFT LIES BEACHED UPON A DISTANT SHORE, HAVING CARRIED THE HERO CAPTAIN BRITAIN TO HIS DESTINATION. THE GATES OF OTHERWORLD, WHICH AS YET REMAIN HIDDEN FROM HIS SEARCHING GAZE...





HEED OUR
WARNING...TURN
BACK! TURN
BACK!

THE WRAITH'S DEPARTING WORDS STRUCK A CHILL
INTO THE HEART OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN...BUT
BUCKTHORN THE ELF BROKE THE SILENCE...

COME...WE
MUST PUSH ON.
WE'VE COME TOO
FAR TO GIVE UP!



BUT
DIDN'T YOU
HEAR WHAT
THEY SAID?
IF THERE'S
DANGER UP
AHEAD...THEN
IT'S ME THAT'LL
HAVE TO FACE
IT!



SUCH IS THE WAY OF
THE DARK! THEY'LL
FILL YOUR MIND WITH
DREAD AND YOUR
HEART WITH FEAR...
BUT MERLYN'S ORDERS
REMAIN CLEAR...

WE MUST BRING
YOU TO OTHERWORLD
AT ALL COSTS!



THEN, ALL THOUGHTS OF DANGER WERE
BANISHED, EMERGING FROM THE DENSE
UNDERGROWTH, THEY WERE MET WITH...

THE GATES OF
OTHERWORLD!

THIS IS WHERE
OUR REAL
JOURNEY
BEGINS!



BUT HOW DO WE
OPEN THEM? HOW
DO WE GET IN? THE
DOORS ARE SMOOTH...
NO HANDLES...
NOTHING!



THEY WON'T
BUDGE...I'M
PUSHING AS
HARD AS I
CAN!



THESE SIGNS MUST
MEAN SOMETHING!
LOOK UP THERE...THERE'S
A HOLE IN THE STONE!



THE SIGNS ON YOUR
STAFF ARE EXACTLY
THE SAME! THERE
MUST BE A REASON...



I'LL GIVE IT A
TRY...IT FITS
IT SEEMS TO
HAVE HOOKED
INTO SOMETHING
...LIKE A KEY
IN A LOCK!



THE WHOLE SECTION'S
PIVOTING DOWN AS I
PULL ON THE STAFF!
I THINK WE'VE CRACKED
IT!



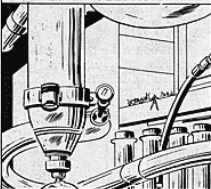
NEXT WEEK-IT HAPPENS! DEATH OF A HERO!

A NEW THREAT TO EARTH-A NEW CHALLENGE FOR- ANT-MAN!



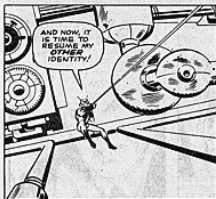
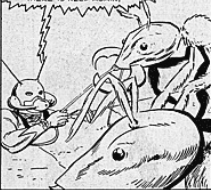
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A HUGE SOLDIER ANT CLACKS ITS MANDIBLES AS THE ANT-MAN DYSMOUNTS ON THE WINDOW SILL OF HENRY PYM'S LABORATORY!



THROUGH HIS CYBERNETIC HELMET THE TINY MAN SENDS ELECTRONIC-WAVE COMANDS TO HIS HYMENOPTERA COMPANIONS...AND THE ANTS FAR AWAY!

YOU MUST LEAVE NOW, MY FRIENDS! I WILL CALL YOU WHEN THERE IS NEED AGAIN!



ALONE IN HIS LABORATORY, ANT-MAN RELEASES HIS GROWTH GAS...



AND SO, ANT-MAN BECOMES THE SCIENTIST HENRY PYM, A MAN DRIVEN TO RESTLESSNESS BY BITTER MEMORIES!



HE IS TIRED... SO VERY TIRED! IF ONLY HE HAD HELP... HUMAN HELP! BUT IT IS HIS DESTINY NEVER TO REVEAL HIS SECRET TO ANY OTHER HUMAN.

I MUST ALWAYS BE ALONE! IT IS MY FATE! I'VE ONLY MARIA WERE HERE BY MY SIDE / TOGETHER WE COULD... BUT... MARIA IS GONE...



AND SO HE SITS, THIS MAN OF SCIENCE, OF LEGEND, AS HIS THOUGHTS GO BACK TO THE PAST...



HELLO, MRS. PYM... MY BEAUTIFUL MARIA, MY LOVELY WIFE!

HELLO, MR. PYM, MY HANDSOME HUSBAND!



DARLING, DO YOU THINK IT WISE FOR US TO COME BACK TO HUNGARY OR OUR HONEYMOON? YOU AND YOUR FATHER WERE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND...

MUSH, MY LOVE! WE ESCAPED TO YOUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY! THEY WILL NOT KNOW AND NOW THAT I AM THE WIFE OF AN AMERICAN! I AM MRS. PYM NOW, NOT MARIA TROVAYA!



MY FATHER IS SAFE IN AMERICA WORKING FOR YOUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY! AND I MERELY WISH TO SEE THE PLACES WHERE I SPENT MY CHILDHOOD!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS PLEASE, WE ARE ABOUT TO LAND!



Y'KNOW, DARLING, THIS HONEYMOON IS THE FIRST VACATION I'VE TAKEN IN YEARS! NOW I FEEL AS THOUGH I NEVER WANT TO WORK AGAIN... JUST SPEND EVERY MOMENT OF MY LIFE WITH YOU!



HA! YOU ARE BECOMING A LAZY HUSBAND! MY FATHER ALWAYS USED TO SAY, 'GO TO THE ANTS, THOU DULLARD!' BUT YOU ARE NOT AN INDUSTRIOUS ANT, ARE YOU, MY LOVE!

I AM MERELY A MAN IN LOVE, MY DARLING!



HERE'S A TAXI TO TAKE US TO THE HOTEL! AND, PERHAPS YOU ARE RIGHT! NO ONE WILL KNOW YOU WERE ONCE MARIA TROVAYA NOW THAT YOU ARE MRS. HENRY PYM!



BUT, SUDDENLY...

YOU WILL NOT MAKE A SOUND, TROVAYA, OR YOUR AMERICAN HUSBAND WILL BE SHOT!

HENRY! WHAT IS THIS? SILENCE, AMERICAN!



HEY! WAIT! YOU CAN'T... SUGH!



AN HOUR LATER, AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY!

NEVER MIND MY HEAD! IT'S BEEN AN HOUR NOW...

I KNOW MR. PYM! WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO FIND YOUR WIFE! YOU MUST BE PATIENT!



YES! THIS IS HE! YES! ONLY I SEE! YES, I'LL TELL HIM!



YOU MUST BE BRAVE, MY FRIEND! MY PEOPLE HAVE FOUND YOUR WIFE! THERE WAS A NOT ON HER BODY SAYING THAT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN!

MARIA... DEAD? NO! SHE... SHE WAS SO YOUNG, SO BEAUTIFUL, SO WONDERFUL... NO! IT CAN'T BE!



THERE IS MORE! A MESSAGE FROM AMERICA! THE LABORATORY IN WHICH HER FATHER WAS WORKING BLEW UP! SABOTAGE IS FEARED!



THE FIENDS! THE MERCILESS AUDACIOUS! WE MUST MAKE THEM PAY!

YOU HEAR? WE MUST MAKE THEM PAY!

CONTROL YOURSELF! MY PEOPLE WILL DO THEIR BEST...



DO THEIR BEST? I'LL FIND THEM! I'LL FIND THE ONES WHO DID THIS! I'LL MAKE THEM PAY! MARIA, I'LL FIND THEM... I SWEAR IT!

THE YOUNG SCIENTIST WENT BEERSERK, AND, WITHIN A FEW DAYS, LANDED IN JAIL ON THE VERGE OF A MENTAL AND PHYSICAL BREAKDOWN!

I... I COULDN'T FIND THEM! I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.

I'VE COME TO HAVE YOU RELEASED AND YOU WILL BE SENT HOME, MY BOY!



IN HIS LABORATORY IN AMERICA, HENRY PYM LIVED WITH THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY THAT HAD MARRIED HIS LIFE, STARTING INTO SPACE, TRYING TO RECAPTURE EVERY MOMENT OF THAT WONDERFUL PAST THAT WAS NOW GONE FOREVER!

SHE SAID SOMETHING, MARIA SAID SOMETHING, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER! WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN? OH, MARIA!... WAIT! I REMEMBER NOW!



I REMEMBER WHAT SHE SAID... "GO TO THE ANTS, THOU SLUGGARD!" YES, SHE WAS RIGHT! I SIT HERE DOING NOTHING WHILE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD'S CRIMINALS PROWL, INJUSTICE IS RAAMPANT, TYRANNY TRAMPLES THE UNDERDOGS!



SO I WILL STRIKE BACK AT ALL OF IT, WHEREVER BOTTENNESS EXISTS! I AM A SCIENTIST! I WILL USE MY TALENTS, MY KNOWLEDGE TO FIND A WAY.



AND SO, ALONE, HE THREW HIMSELF INTO HIS WORK, DRIVING ALWAYS TO KEEP THE PAINFUL PAST FROM HIS MIND; A MAN POSSESSED, A MAN PUSHED BEYOND THE LIMITS OF SCIENTIFIC REASON BY MEMORIES...

IT WORKS... THE REDUCING GAS WORKS; MY THEORY IS CORRECT! LIVING CELLS CAN BE REDUCED IN SIZE BY CHEMICAL MEANS... AND MY GROWTH GAS WILL ENLARGE THEM AGAIN...



"GO TO THE ANTS, THOU SLUGGARD!" IT RANG IN HIS BRAIN OVER AND OVER, UNTIL THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN HENRY PYM BECAME... THE ANT-MAN!



THE SKEIN OF MEMORY BREAKS AND BRINGS OUR HERO BACK TO THE PRESENT!

YES... I BECAME THE ANT-MAN AND DEVELOPED CLOTHING OF UNSTABLE MOLECULES TO WEAR... THE CYBERNETIC HELMET, COMMUNICATION WITH THE ANTS! ALL THIS AND MORE! BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!



"TOO OFTEN HAVE I COME CLOSE TO DEFEAT! I NEED A PARTNER, SOMEONE TO STAND BY TO CARRY ON IF SOMEDAY I MEET DEFEAT AND DEATH! BUT WHO? WHO COULD I EVER TRUST TO KNOW THE SECRETS OF THE ANT-MAN... KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY?"



FOR WEEKS THE SCIENTIST WORKS, TAKING LITTLE NOURISHMENT OR SLEEP... NEVER PAUSING FOR THE MEMORIES TO COME AGAIN!

YES, IT'S TRUE... THE CELLS OF THE WASP CAN BE MADE TO SPECIALIZE, TO GROW AS LEGS, OR WINGS, OR ANTENNAE... BUT ONLY IN A LIFE FORM OF MINUSCULE SIZE! WAIT! WHAT IS THAT NOISE? OH, IT'S THE DOORBELL...



IMPATIENT AT THE INTERRUPTION, HENRY PYM GOES TO THE DOOR.

WHAT IS IT? AH, YOU ARE HENRY PYM! I AM DR. VERNON RANDOME! YOU ARE QUITE FAMOUS, MR. PYM! SO, I HAVE COME TO VISIT, FOR WE ARE BOTH SCIENTISTS AND PERHAPS HAVE MUCH IN COMMON!



THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, JANET?

NOW DO YOU DO DOCTOR PYM?



SHE... SHE LOOKS SOMEWHAT LIKE MARIA! BUT SHE'S MUCH YOUNGER, NOT MUCH MORE THAN A CHILD!

MMHMM, HE'S QUITE HANDSOME! BUT SCIENTISTS ARE SUCH BORING! I PREFER THE ADVENTUROUS TYPE, NOT THOSE DULL, INTELLECTUAL BOOK-WORMS!

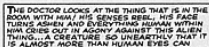


MR. PYM, I MUST CONFESS THAT MY VISIT IS NOT MERELY SOCIAL, I THINK PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME! I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A GAMMA-RAY BEAM TO PIERCE SPACE AND DETECT SIGNALS FROM OTHER PLANETS! IF THERE IS LIFE OUT THERE IN THE GALAXY PERHAPS, THROUGH MY BEAM, WE CAN MAKE CONTACT.

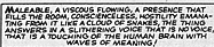




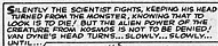
BUT THESE THREE HUMANS DO NOT SUSPECT THAT SOON THEY WILL BE TANGLED TOGETHER IN THE WEB OF FATE, AS THEY CONFRONT THE MOST ANTI-SOME HERAGE EVER LET LOOSE UPON OUR UNSUSPECTING WORLD...



WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU?



I AM FROM THE PLANET KOSMOS, DEEP IN SPACE! WE OF KOSMOS ARE A FLUID FORM OF LIFE! I ESCAPED DOWN THE PATH OF YOUR RAY TO THIS, YOUR PLANET!



LATER, JANET RETURNS HOME...

WHAT IS THAT AWFUL MIST? SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM DADDY'S LAB! DAD... ARE YOU THERE?



WHAT HAS BECOME OF VAN DYNE? SEE NEXT ISSUE!

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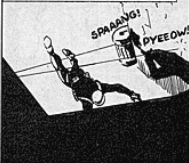
ON SALE NOW!

THE MYSTERIOUS NIGHT-RAVEN

NIGHT-TIME IN THE CITY... AFTER BREAKING OPEN THE CRIME SOCIETY KNOWN AS THE DRAGON TONS, NIGHT-RAVEN IS AFTER THEIR LEADER, THE BEAUTIFUL YI YANG... BUT SHE'S GOT OTHER IDEAS!



BUT HOW DO YOU HIT A SHADOW? A SHADOW THAT FLICKERS AND DARTS... ALWAYS MOVING... ALWAYS ELUSIVE...



YI YANG, MANHUNTER... A FORMIDABLE FOE, EVEN FOR ONE SUCH AS NIGHT-RAVEN...



HE'S IN THERE SOMEWHERE... WHERE THE SHADOWS ARE DARKEST HIDING LIKE A CORNERED RAT, CURSE HIM!



BUT THEN...





IN ONE SWIFT, RUTHLESS MOMENT, THE DRAGON HAD BEEN DEFEATED BY THE RAVEN...

W-WHAT...
H-HAVE...
YOU...DONE!?



OR HAD SHE?

YOU...CANNOT...
S-STOP THE DRAGON!
THE DRAGON...LIVES!
...FOR...EVER! YOU
...HAVE...DESTROYED
...ME!



THE PRICE OF FAILURE
...IS DEATH! THOUGH
I AM GONE... A
HUNDRED MORE ARE
READY...TO TAKE
MY PLACE!



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MEANWHILE, THERE ARE WISER EYES THAT VIEW THE SCENE WITH PATIENCE AND EXPERIENCE SO WISE THAT TIME ITSELF BOWS TO THEIR PERSPECTIVE...



ZURAS, FROM HIS MOUNTAIN-TOP WILL SEE WHAT THE HUMANS ARE ALREADY WITNESS TO BELOW. IN A SCOTCH WHISKY ROOM, A GREATLY ENLARGED PHOTO IS STUDIED...



MEZZARR OF THE FOURTH MOST CREATES NO GHOST STORIES IN SIBERIA THAN THE SIGHT OF ONEG, IN THE FAST HINTERLANDS OF AUSTRALIA...



THE SPACE GODS OF THE INCA CARVINGS HAVE SUDDENLY RE-APPEARED TO CONVERT HUMANS EVERYWHERE. HARDEN THE ANALYZER TREADS THE SWISS ALPS, MUCH TO THE CHAGIN OF VETERAN CLIMBERS...



BUT IT IS ESON WHO GENERATES THE MOST EXCITEMENT: IN MIAMI BEACH, SCORES OF BATHERS RUSH TO THE BLUE AND STARE BREATHLESSLY OUT TO SEA...



FIND THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS-- AND OTHERS, IN HULK COMIC -- NEXT WEEK!

HULK LETTERS



Dear Marvel,

I'm writing to you because I am confused. I've only started reading Marvel Comics this year and I have a question.

Is Ant-Man the same person as Yellow Jacket who appears in the Avengers stories?

Jonathan Williams, Wirral.

In a word, Jonathan, yes. Our Ant-Man stories in Hulk Comic take place way back, when Henry Pym had only just discovered his shrinking/enlarging formula, long before the Avengers were ever formed, and even longer before he took on his Yellow Jacket identity. You've to remember with all our stories that just because you're reading them this week, they aren't always happening this week! Just in the way that Night-Raven is set in a different time (almost fifty years ago), the SHIELD stories are not taking place at the same time as the Dugan vs Godzilla tales in Marvel Comic.

Marvel time cannot pass at the same speed as normal time, or we'd need an encyclopaedia-size issue a week to keep up with everything when things get involved! On the other hand, our most popular characters would then have to age at normal speed. And you must admit, a middle-aged Spider-Man by the year 2000 wouldn't make very exciting reading! Perhaps a reader would care to come up with a theory concerning Marvel-time?

Dear People,

When I bought the latest issue of Hulk Comic (14), I was overjoyed to see this mag's first lettercol. I've no doubt that the sentiments expressed therein were genuine, but I don't agree with them.

I really hate to say that a Marvel mag disappoints me, but, alas, Hulk Comic does. It is not all it could be, indeed it is hardly what it should be.

I'm really and truly glad to see British artists and writers at work on British

Marvel comics, but I'm afraid they don't have a real feeling for the characters we know and love.

The Hulk stories are the shakiest of a shakey lot. I'm sad to say how they've sunk to the level of the tv show. I agree with Time Magazine's review (Feb 5, 1979) of the Marvel tv shows and movies: "a certain Marvel magic has been lost".

Another beef I have about the Hulk stories is continuity. Within a monthly comic, the time lapse between issues can be anything from a few seconds to several months. Within a weekly, the upper limit for any time lapse should be no more than one month at the very most. The stories in Hulk Comic should reflect this to give us some sort of idea as to where Hulk wanders.

The Black Knight is excellent. Marvel's had a number of Black Knights, could this be the fellow who was turned to stone while working with the Defenders? Moondog the Elf disappointed me somewhat, couldn't you make your elves a little more "Tolkienesque"?

I was glad to see the return of Captain Britain. One request: is there any chance of the British-based sorcerer Mordred the Mystic putting in an appearance? Like Captain Britain and Black Knight, he has his connections with Merlyn.

Nick Fury is marvellous! But let's see more of the helicarrier, and hear something about Dum Dum Dugan and his Godzilla duty.

It's nice to see the Ant-Man stories, but how long will it be before the Wasp enters the picture?

There's one thing I was really pleased with in Hulk 14, though. The "What If Hulk Had Always Had Bruce Banner's Brain" story. Please follow it up with other "What If..." tales.

Finally Night-Raven. Because of Raven's overly brutal (and probably painful) treatment of criminals, I can't really identify with the character. Give us motivation and/or an origin, please.

Bring back individual story titles, and artist, writer, letterer credits.

Derek Stevenson, Stratford-on-Avon.

Wow! Hope I can make the reply shorter than the questions, Derek, though you started out saying Hulk Comic disappointed you then seemed to say you liked almost everything in it!

Hulk stories: through the tv series we gained a huge (about quarter of a million!) audience of new readers. We've slowly introduced them to the original version, rather than confuse them with too much too fast, okay?

Continuity is important, but we can't put limits on time lapses, or it would take forever to tell some stories!

Black Knight: Yes, it is the ex-Defenders hero, but with a difference which will be finally explained to long-time Marvelites.

Moondog: why Tolkienesque? We prefer to be more original.

Mordred the Mystic: doubtful we'll include him. He's really nothing to do with the mixture of Celtic/Saxon mythology and Arthurian legend we're dealing with. Besides, with an evil sorcerer like Mordred, it would be somewhat confusing!

More "What If..." stories to follow!

Night-Raven: Afraid you're the only reader who wants to hear his origin. You also seem to be the only one who doesn't think the "above the law" villains deserve what they get!

Dear Dez Skinn,

I think your comic is great. My favourite story is Nick Fury, then Black Knight and third The Hulk. My least favourite is The Eternals, because I think it has too many pictures in it.

I also like your new story "What If The Hulk Had Bruce Banner's Brain".

Andrew Betts, Bottesford.

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ANOTHER TALE OF AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE!



WHAT IF RICK JONES
HAD BECOME THE

HULK

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Out of The
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A Hero!

by Don Glut and Sal Buscema

"THE SCENE IS, PERHAPS, A FAMILIAR ONE... AS THE SERENITY OF A VAST AMERICAN DESERT IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED BY--"

"YOU! GET OUT OF THERE!"

"COOL IT, MAN! THE GANG BET WE I WOULDN'T HAVE NERVE ENOUGH TO SNEAK PAST THE GUARDS!"

"THE ADULT IS DR. ROBERT BRUCE BANNER..."

"...AND THE YOUTH, ORPHAN RICK JONES."

"LET'S GO, SON!"

"HEY! LAY OFF, FOUR EYES!"

"COME ON, YOU FOOL! WE'VE GOT TO REACH THE PROTECTIVE TRENCH--"

"--BEFORE THE BOMB GOES OFF!"

"BOMB?"

"BUT AT THE CRUCIAL AND PAINFUL MOMENT-- SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENS--!"

"YOU GO IN THE TRENCH FIRST, MISTER!"

"BUT THERE'S NO TIME--"

"THEN WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME!"

"YET, A MOMENT BEFORE RICK CAN JUMP INTO THE TRENCH, THE BOMB EXPLODES!"

"NOT A SIMPLE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, BUT AN EXPERIMENTAL GAMMA BOMB, CREATED BY DR. BANNER--"

"SOON, HE SHALL HAVE HIS ANSWER FOR RICK'S SCREAMING FORM IS BATHED IN THE MYSTERIOUS RAYS."

"OH, DEAR LORD!"

"AS INDEED IT WAS IN YOUR REALITY... WHEREIN THE GAMMA RAYS TRANSFORMED BRUCE BANNER INTO THE MONSTRIOUS GREEN ENTITY KNOWN AS THE HULK!"

"BUT THIS STORY OCCURS IN ANOTHER REALITY... ON ONE OF COUNTLESS PARALLEL EARTHS."

"UPON THIS PARTICULAR EARTH, IT IS RICK JONES WITH WHOM WE ARE MOSTLY CONCERNED..."

"YOU TOOK THE TOP IMPACT OF THOSE GAMMA RAYS, SON."

"GUESS I'VE GOT FRIENDS AROUND, DOC. DOWN HERE TOO, RICK."

"IT'S A MIRACLE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE."

"THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN ME!"

"...AND THEN, ONLY AFTER A SUGGESTION BY RICK JONES HIMSELF, NO, YOUR HULK WOULD HAVE STAYED TO FIGHT.
I DON'T CARE WHERE HE'S GONE BOUNCING OFF TO! FIND THE HULK!!



"BUT, HOURS LATER, WHEN EVEN GENERAL 'THUNDERBOLT' ROSS HAS GIVEN UP TRYING TO LOCATE THE HULK...



NO! IT'S BANNER AGAIN...

...THE SQUARE WHO KEEPS CALLING HULK 'RICK'!



"YET, IT IS NOT DEATH, BUT RATHER SALVATION WHICH SUDDENLY COMES TO BRUCE BANNER...



"YOU JUST... LET ME GO, AS SOON AS THE RAIN BEGINS TO RISE!"



"WHEN THE BURNING SENSATION HAS LEFT, DOC, I-- CAN YOU HELP ME?"



"YOU'RE... RICK JONES AGAIN--AND NOT THE HULK."



"RICK'S PLEA IS ANSWERED AS LATER THAT DAY, IN A UNIQUE UNDERGROUND CHAMBER..."



"--THAT YOU TRANSFORMED INTO THAT HULK FOR ONLY THE DURATION OF THE NIGHT."



SO I'M TO SPEND TONIGHT LOCKED UP INSIDE THIS CEMENT TAIL CELL OF YOURS, RIGHT?



"THEN, AS A FOREBODING DARKNESS OVERSHADOWS THE SKY ABOVE THE SUBURBA CHAMBER..."



HOW DO YOU FEELING, RICK?



"--BUST OUT!!"



"BANNER PRAYS THAT THIS PRISON CAN WITHSTAND THE HULK'S ATTACK."



"AS TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, EVEN IN AN OFFICE AT THE PENTAGON..."



"THUS, IT BECOMES A ROUTINE, WITH RICK JONES SPENDING HIS NIGHTS LOCKED AWAY FROM THE WORLD..."

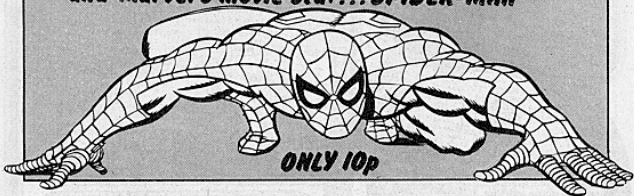


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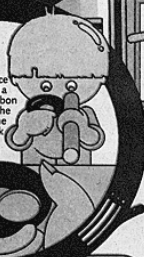
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